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Amendments to the Claims:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A dispensing device for bag containing an alcohol beverage, the dispensing device comprising:

a hollow elongated member adapted to extend into the bag, the hollow elongate member has an end portion having at least one ~~an~~ opening for receiving the beverage at a first temperature during a dispense cycle,

the hollow elongated member further including at least one lateral aperture therein spaced apart from the opening in the end portion to receive the beverage into the hollow elongated member during the dispense cycle, characterized in that said at least one lateral aperture is provided for receiving a beverage at a second temperature being higher than the first temperature, whereby the beverage entering the opening is mixed with the beverage entering through the at least one lateral aperture.

2. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein the hollow elongated member has a plurality of such lateral apertures, the size and shape of which are proportional to the size of the opening of the member to provide a desired mixture of the beverage in the member prior to dispensing.

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3. (Currently Amended) The device of ~~Claim 3~~ Claim 2, wherein said ~~[[a]]~~ plurality of said lateral apertures are laterally spaced about the hollow elongated member.

4. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein more than one plurality of said lateral apertures are spaced along the hollow elongated member.

5. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein the at least one opening comprises ~~end portion has~~ a plurality of laterally spaced apart notches providing openings in the end portion through which the beverage passes into and out from the hollow elongated member and respectively out from and into the bag.

6. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 1, wherein the hollow elongated member comprises a tube.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

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10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The device of ~~Claim 13~~ Claim 1, wherein the end portion of the hollow elongated member is open.

15. (Currently Amended) The device of ~~Claim 13~~ Claim 5, wherein the notches form crenellated openings.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The device of ~~Claim 13~~ Claim 5, wherein the end portion having at least one opening comprises ~~has~~ interval side wall portions between adjacent notches which portions have rounded tip portions.

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18. (Currently Amended) The device of ~~Claim 13~~ Claim 1, further including an interface base plate extending between the end portion and the bag to isolate the bag from the end portion.

19. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 18, wherein the end portion has interval side walls portion between adjacent notches and the base plate is attached to the side wall portions to close the end portion of the hollow elongated member.

20. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 18, wherein the base plate forms part of the bag.

21. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 20, wherein the end portion has a bell bottom shaped wall.

22. (Currently Amended) The device of ~~Claim 13~~ Claim 1, wherein the end portion has a spherical shape.

23. (Currently Amended) An alcohol beverage dispensing apparatus comprising:
a keg having top and bottom portions;
a bag contained within the keg for containing an alcohol beverage; and,

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a dispensing device according to Claim 1 ~~comprising a hollow elongated member extending into the bag towards the bottom portion of the keg for inserting the beverage into the bag during a bag fill operation and for dispensing the beverage from the bag during a dispense operation, and the hollow elongated member having an end portion having a plurality of laterally spaced apart notches providing openings in the end portion through which the beverage passes into and out from the hollow elongated member.~~

Claims 24-32. (Canceled)